

REMARKS

Claims 16 through 26 are pending in the application. Claims 18, 21, 23, and 26 were indicated allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 16-18 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 16, 19 and 24 are hereby amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 18, 21, and 26, respectively. Dependent claims 18, 21, and 26 are amended to better define the invention. The newly amended claims also address the rejections under § 112.


In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully solicits the same.

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims so that the application may be passed to issue.

If the Examiner has any questions or desires clarification of any sort, or deems that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Applicant believes no fee is due for the filing of this amendment and response. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2180.

Respectfully submitted,



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